



WEATHER CROP

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Week ending November 22, 2009

Average Temperatures, Dry in the South

Weather Summary: Last week's high temperatures reached the 70s and 80s. Nightly lows were in the 40s, and 50s. Temperatures averaged near normal across the State with only the Panhandle slightly below the seasonal average. Precipitation was received across the Panhandle and into the central Peninsula. During the week, only two stations on the Florida Automated Weather Network (FAWN) reported precipitation in excess of an inch. Carrabelle in Franklin County received 2.94 inches and Ocklawaha in Marion County reported 1.79 inches.

Field Crops: Peanut harvesting was 96% complete compared to 99% at this time last year, and a 5 year average of 99%. Wet conditions in the Panhandle continue to hinder cotton harvest, quality and yield of the unharvested crop continued to decline. Cool season forages that were already planted benefitted from rainfall. Harvest delays have caused some fields not to be planted yet. Outside of the Panhandle, winter forages needed moisture. Sugarcane harvest was active in the Everglades region. Soil moisture levels in the Panhandle remained adequate to surplus, but short to adequate for all other regions.

Peanut Progress for Week Ending: November 22, 2009

Stage	2008	5-yr average	2009
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Harvested.....	99	99	96

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil			Subsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	8	7	12	4	9	8
Short	42	48	46	38	35	43
Adequate.....	46	44	39	54	53	45
Surplus.....	4	1	3	4	3	4

Vegetables: Light volumes of strawberries were being picked in the Plant City area. In the southern Peninsula, cucumbers, eggplant, green beans, herbs, oriental vegetables, peppers, tomatoes, sweet corn, and watermelons were being harvested. Volumes were light and growers reported yields well below average. Cabbage planting and field preparations for potatoes continued in the Hastings area.

Livestock and Pastures: The condition of pastures decreased slightly last week. In the Panhandle and northern areas, the pasture was in fair to excellent condition with most in fair to good condition. Winter forage continued to grow well. Cattlemen were waiting for the small grain forage to have enough growth to fertilize. Lack of topsoil moisture limited growth of newly-planted cool season grains in Wakulla County, except in the flatwoods area. Wheat and oats planting for grain and silage continued. The cattle condition ranged from fair to excellent with most in good condition. Supplemental hay was being fed. In the central areas, pasture was very poor to excellent with most fair. The cattle condition was poor to excellent. In the Southwest, pasture condition was poor to excellent with most in fair condition. Some damage from armyworms was reported. Statewide, the condition of cattle was poor to excellent with most fair to good.

Cattle and Pasture Condition

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Previous week	Current week	Previous week	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor.....	0	0	1	1
Poor	5	10	10	9
Fair.....	35	35	45	50
Good	50	45	40	35
Excellent	10	10	4	5

Citrus: High temperatures for the week were mostly in the mid 80s, with lows in the mid to upper 50s. The northern counties received the only significant rainfall. Several areas along the east coast continued to experience abnormally dry conditions. Most of the packinghouses had opened and were shipping fruit. Shipment of fresh fruit was slow, but was expected to increase slightly with fundraising programs starting. Varieties being packed included early oranges (Navels and Hamlin), white and colored grapefruit, and early tangerines (mostly Sunburst and a few Fallglo). There were only six more processing plants expected to open this season. The majority of fruit going to the plants was early and midseason oranges and grapefruit.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

[In thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes]

Crop	November 8, 2009	November 15, 2009	November 22, 2009
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Early and mid oranges.....	116	414	760
Navel oranges	83	86	151
Grapefruit	326	354	382
Tangelos	10	16	17
Tangerines	119	158	136

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